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PRICE INDICES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether several types of price indices are in operation in the country and there is also difference in their working out system;

(b) If so, the comparative details in this regard;

(c) Whether all the price indices are being based on the year 2001; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) Yes Sir. There are five price indices, which are compiled at the national level. They are

1. Wholesale Price Index (WPI),

2. Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW),

3. Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Labourers (CPI-AL),

4. Consumer Price Index for Rural Labourers (CPI-RL) and

5. Consumer Price Index for Urban Non-Manual Employees(CPI-UNME).

(b) to (d) The details of price indices are indicated in table below:

Table: Features of Indices

Features	WPI	CPI-IW	CPI -AL	CPI -RL	CPI-UNME
Target popu.	Ind.	Agri. Workers	Rural Workers	Urban Labourer	Non-Manual Employees
Base yr.	1993-94	2001	1986-87	1986-87	1984-85
Index released for	All India	78 centers and all India	20 states and all India	20 states and all India	59 urban centers and all India
Frequency of release	Weekly	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly